

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 43**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto**

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Relative to Cinco de Mayo Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 43, as introduced, Coto. Cinco de Mayo Week.

This measure would proclaim April 29 through May 5, 2007, as Cinco de Mayo Week, and would urge all Californians to join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is  
2 memorialized as a significant date in the history of California and  
3 Mexico in recognition of the courage of the Mexican people, who  
4 defeated a better trained and equipped army at the “Batalla de  
5 Puebla”; and  
6 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo serves to remind us that the  
7 foundation of any nation and our state is in its people, in their spirit  
8 and courage in the face of adversity, in the strength of their drive  
9 to achieve self-determination, and in their willingness to sacrifice  
10 even life itself in the pursuit of freedom and liberty; and

1 WHEREAS, Cinco de Mayo offers an opportunity to reflect on  
2 the courage and achievements not only of the Mexican forces at  
3 Puebla, but also on the courage and achievements of Latinos here  
4 in California; and

5 WHEREAS, Achievements by Latinos in America and  
6 California include contributions to all facets of our community;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Latino voters continue to go to the polls in record  
9 numbers and influence the entrance of newly elected Latino public  
10 officials in both the Democratic and Republican parties and issues  
11 ranging from affordable housing, investing in our children, ensuring  
12 that higher education is affordable and accessible, creating good  
13 paying jobs for working families, and improving the overall quality  
14 of life for all Californians; and

15 WHEREAS, California's Latinos have contributed to our culture  
16 and society through their many achievements in music, food, dance,  
17 poetry, literature, architecture, entertainment, sports, and across a  
18 broad spectrum of artistic expression; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Latino Caucus saw a need to recognize  
20 and honor distinguished Latinos for their contributions and  
21 dedication to California and the United State's economy and  
22 cultural life with the annual Latino Spirit Awards. These recipients  
23 are outstanding individuals who have greatly contributed to the  
24 wonderful music, poetry, literature, journalism and entertainment  
25 of California, the United States and the world; and

26 WHEREAS, Latinos in California have challenged the frontiers  
27 of social and economic justice, thereby improving the working  
28 conditions and lives of countless Californians; and

29 WHEREAS, Latino entrepreneurs in the United States are the  
30 fastest growing group of business owners in our economy; now,  
31 therefore, be it

32 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
33 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature urges all Californians to  
34 join in celebrating Cinco de Mayo, the historic day to honor the  
35 valiant spirit of the brave Mexicanos who defended the town of  
36 Puebla against the French invaders, to honor the Mexican  
37 Americans of today who have fought, died, and lived to protect  
38 the freedom of the United States; and be it further

39 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares April 29 through May  
40 5, 2007, as Cinco de Mayo Week; and be it further

- 1     *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2     of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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